Bhawan Administration without checking on the exact nature of the function. The University has taken this incident very seriously and has taken several measures to ensure non-recurrence of such incidents in future. These include repatriation of an official working in the Bhawan on deputation basis; issue of warning letter to another official for his administrative lapses; expression of displeasure of the Vice-Chancellor to the concerned Professor; and issue of directions to enforce stringent guidelines for the management of the affairs of the Gandhi Bhawan in strict accordance with the resolution of the Executive Council.

Edusat programme

†40. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent so far on "Edusat programme";

(b) the number of persons/regions to which the above programme had its access during the last twelve months; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to ensure proper utilization of the funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) According to the Department of Space, the amount spent so far on the EDUSAT Programme's ground infrastructure is Rs. 57 crores which includes Rs. 33 crores for the ground system under implementation at present.

(b) About 2,50,000 students in the States of Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Goa had access to the above programme during the last twelve months.

(c) A National Core Group consisting of representatives from the Ministry of Human Resource Development and its autonomous organizations, the Indira Gandhi National Open University and the Indian Space Research Organization of the Department of Space, monitors the utilization of EDUSAT. Each State has constituted a steering committee for EDUSAT utilization.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.